

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A mobile guide communications system comprising:
 - a portable device including a display, an infra-red communication unit, and a wireless communication unit;
 - a plurality of object servers, each object server associated with an object and including an infrared communication unit configured to communicate with the portable devices; and
 - a central server including a wireless communication unit, the central server being configured to retrieve data embodying information concerning a selected object and to transmit the data to a particular portable device via the wireless communication unit in response to a request by the particular portable device.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 1, wherein the display is configured to display at least one of a multimedia presentation, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.
3. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the portable device further comprises an internet connection.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 1, wherein the portable device further comprises processing circuitry configured to obtain an object identification code from an object server, to transmit the object identification code to the central server, to obtain,

from the central server, information concerning an object, and to present the information to a user.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 1, wherein the object server further comprises a memory including an object identification code associated with an object, and software code for causing the object server to transfer the object identification code in response to a request from a portable device.
6. **(Original)** The system of claim 5, wherein the object server operates in a wait mode until communications are established with a portable device.
7. **(Original)** The system of claim 5, wherein the object server is located within a predetermined distance from its associated specific object.
8. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 1, wherein the central server includes:

a database including information associated with different objects at an exhibition; and

an object identification code for each object.
9. **(Original)** The system of claim 8, wherein the central server further comprises software for causing the central server to receive a request for information concerning a specific object, wherein the request includes an object identification code.
10. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the central server is configured for internet access, and wherein the central server further comprises software adapted for causing a terminal client to:

obtain an object identification code from the specific object servers, when the terminal is in range of an infrared communications unit of an object server;

obtain requested object information from the central server; and

present the obtained information.

11. (Currently Amended) A method in a mobile guide system comprising:

establishing an infrared connection between a mobile terminal and an object server associated with a specific object;

transferring an object identity code from the object server to the mobile terminal over the infrared connection;

establishing a wireless connection between the terminal and a central server;

transferring the object identity code to the central server via the wireless connection;

retrieving requested data that embodies information about the specific object from a database of the central server based on the object identity code;

transferring the retrieved information to the mobile terminal; and

presenting the information on a display of the mobile terminal.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the information presented is at least one of an Internet link, a multimedia display, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.

13. (Currently Amended) A machine-accessible medium having encoded thereon instructions for causing a machine to:

obtain an object identification code from an object server;

transmit the object identification code to a central server;

receive data embodying information concerning an object associated with the object identification code; and

display the information for a user of a portable device.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The medium of claim 13, further comprising instructions for causing the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.
15. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions for causing a digital processing system to perform operations comprising:

obtaining an object identification code from an object server;

transmitting the object identification code to a central server, the object identification code causing retrieval of information concerning an object associated with the object identification code;

receiving the data that embodies information concerning the object; and

displaying the information on a display of a portable device.
16. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15, further comprising instructions to cause the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.
17. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15, wherein the object identification code is obtained from the object server over an infra-red link.
18. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15, wherein the object identification code is transmitted over a wireless link to the central server.

19. (Currently Amended) A mobile guide communications system comprising:

a portable device for communicating information concerning a selected object to a user, the portable device including a display, an infra-red communication unit, and a wireless communication unit;

a plurality of object servers, each object server associated with an object and including an infrared communication unit configured to communicate with the portable devices; and

a central server including a wireless communication unit, the central server being configured to retrieve data that embodies information concerning a selected object and to transmit the information to a particular portable device via the wireless communication unit in response to a request by the particular portable device.